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TAGS: TECH, IAEA

SUBJECT: USAEC PRESS RELEASES RE NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS

REF: VIENNA 8248

1. MISSION WAS DELUGED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 WITH CALLS FROM OTHER MISSIONS, IAEA SECRETARIAT, AND AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS FOR INFO, AS RESULT HOURLY AUSTRIAN NEWS BROADCASTS DURING PREVIOUS DAY, REPEATING BRIEF (AND COMPLETELY MISLEADING) AP WIRE STORY THAT AEC HAD ORDERED ONE-THIRD OF US OPERATING REACTORS TO SHUT DOWN.

2. MISSION COULD ONLY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO LATE THAT AFTERNOON VIA PHONE CALL TO AEC DURING WHICH TEXT PRESS RELEASE WAS DICTATED. BY THAT TIME WILDLY EXAGGERATED PRESS STORIES, TELEVISION INTERVIEWS AND RUMORS HAD ALREADY APPEARED. RESPONSIBLE IAEA SECRETARIAT MEMBERS WERE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED AT LACK OF INFO SINCE THEY WERE BEING BOMBARDED WITH REQUESTS FOR ANALYSIS OF WORLD-WIDE IMPLICATIONS AND, AT SAME TIME, WERE TRYING TO HEAD OFF RUMOR MONGERS.

3. THIS INCIDENT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES, AS CHAIRMAN RAY
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STATED IN HER SPEECH TO IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 17,

THAT NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR SAFETY MATTERS, IN ANY NATION,
ARE OF CONCERN TO ALL.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT IN EVERY CASE WHERE
USAEC ANNOUNCES AN ACTION DIRECTED AT NUCLEAR POWER
REACTOR LICENSES, EITHER OF EMERGENCY NATURE OR ONE
WHICH AFFECTS A NUMBER OF SUCH REACTORS, THE FULL TEXT
OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BE TRANSMITTED TO MISSION AND
TO IAEA VIA COMMERCIAL TWX. IN ADDITION, MISSION SHOULD
BE ADVISED BY PRIORITY DEPARTMENT MESSAGE THAT SUCH
ANNOUNCEMENT BEING TRANSMITTED, IN ORDER THAT COMMUNICATIONS
PERSONNEL MAY BE ALERTED. ANY Q'S OR A'S OR ADDITIONAL
TECHNICAL INFO, BEYOND THAT INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH WOULD ASSIST MISSION AND IAEA
SECRETARIAT IN EVALUATING SIGNIFICANCE, WOULD ALSO BE
APPRECIATED IN DEPARTMENT MESSAGE. TAPE

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